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SUBJ: PDC STATEMENT ON BILATERAL TALKS

FOR ASST SEC KUBISCH

REF: STATE 169709

1. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS MORNING  
AND YOUR CONFIDENCE - WHICH I SHALL DO MY BEST NEITHER TO ABUSE  
NOR DISAPPOINT.

2. LAST NIGHT AT A YUGOSLAV PARTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALMEYDA  
BECKONED ME OVER TO JOIN A CONVERSATION HE WAS HAVING WITH CARLOS  
SIVORI, WHO WAS PDC CHAIRMAN OF CHAMBER'S FOREIGN RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE UNTIL CHAIRMANSHIP PASSED TO NATIONAL PARTY THIS MAY.  
ALMEYDA WAS ENGAGED IN INTENSE EFFORT TO CONVINCE SIVORI TO GET  
KRAUSS AND OTHER PDC COLLEAGUES TO LAY OFF TALKS ISSUE IN THE  
CHAMBER (SANTIAGO 3773). HE ASKED ME TO TELL SIVORI THAT WE TOO  
WOULD LIKE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TALKS TO BE RESPECTED. WHILE I  
WOULD HAVE PREFERRED DIFFERENT CONTEXT, I ASSURED SIVORI IN  
ALMEYDA'S PRESENCE THAT WE HAD AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF  
MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE ON TALKS' SUBSTANCE-BECAUSE PUBLIC  
AIRING OF POSITIONS INEVITABLY PRODUCES HARDENING OF POSTURES,  
TALKING FOR PRESS AND POPULAR CONSUMPTION, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OF  
PRESTIGE, ETC. I ASSURED SIVORI THAT OUR VIEW DID NOT GROW  
OUT OF ANY DESIRE TO DO ANYTHING FURTIVE OR BEHIND THE BACKS OF  
ANYONE. AFTER SOME MORE EXHORTATION FROM ALMEYDA, SIVORI  
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REMARKED THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WERE AFTER ALL LOYAL  
CHILEANS TOO, AND PROMISED TO TALK TO KRAUSS. (IT IS NOT SO  
CERTAIN HOW FAR THE PDC WILL BE DETERRED.)

3. EMBASSY OFFICER WHO BROUGHT ME CUBILLOS' MESSAGE LAST SATURDAY AND I HAVE AGAIN REVIEWED WHAT WE KNOW. CUBILLOS LEFT MY COLLEAGUE (AND ME) WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION TRONCOSO HAD JUST COME BACK WITH URGENT NEWS. IN FACT, CUBILLOS INSISTED ON SEEING ME SUNDAY "WHATEVER THE HOUR OR PLACE." CUBILLOS TENDS TO BE AN ACCURATE REPORTER - IF EMOTIONALLY VARIABLE - AND MY IMPRESSION IS TRONCOSO MAY HAVE FUZZED THE RECENCY AND URGENCY OF HIS OWN REPORT WHEN TALKING TO CUBILLOS. AS I NOTED IN SANTIAGO 3785, TRONCOSO IS ENAMORED OF HIS THEORY THAT ALLENDE IS ABOUT TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT.

4. RE TASK FORCE, LETELIER HAS ALSO MENTIONED ITS EXISTENCE TO ME. MY IMPRESSION FROM JUDD KESSLER (WHO IS N PORTILLO AT THE MOMENT AS I CANNOT CHECK IT) IS THAT EDMUNDO VARGAS WAS CONSULTED ON LEGAL QUESTIONS EARLIER IN THE GAME BUT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED ON POLICY AND STRATEGY - AT LEAST RECENTLY. WE DO NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION HERE THAT THE PDC IS MONITORING THE TALKS CLOSELY AND ACCURATELY. YOU MAY REMEMBER VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TOVAR SET FREI OFF ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE AFTER THE LIMA ROUND (SANTIAGO (2880).  
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